BEAR DAY IN STOCK MARKET

SIEEL AND READING MEET THE BRUNT OF ATTACK.

All Sorts of Stories Told to Back Up the Selling Movement-Decline Extends to Nearly the Whole List-Closing Prices About the Lowest for the Day.

In the stock market yesterday there were sales of more than 1,500,000 shares, of which about a quarter were Steel was the most active in many weeks and the market was a briskly declining one throughout practically all of the ession. At the close, which showed about the lowest prices of the day, prices showed the most abrupt decline since he panic days in the fall of 1907.

The opening of the market succeeded holiday here, which was a business day in London and other foreign markets. and on which the London Stock Exchange and the Berlin and Paris Bourses ad been weak on account of pessimistic ports cabled over regarding the condiof the steel and iron trades here, ender market, in which prices of Ameri- getting caught in a rising market. on rails as well as industrials were quoted en below the low prices ruling on Mon-

mmon, which had declined most sharply the London markets Monday and turday, the last previous trading day, ere bunched on the tape at prices rangz between 44% and 44%, the former rning out to be the high price of the DEEPER WELL FOR HECKER. On the opening of the market d brokers yesterday had an abundance orders from customers who regarded stock cheap after a decline ranging

At this point, which was \$10 aiue of the corporation's common winding stairway. ock showed a decline of \$50,000,000. Whether on this account speculative because of the covering of short conracts put out last week, the day's sturdist resistance to selling pressure here set the Stock Exchange has ever witnessed.

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sales of 140,000 shares of Steel common. with the stock obstinately refusing to go sonal rainfall. telow 43% or above 43%. In only a few instances did it come within an eighth of respectively seemed to be aiming at in der to carry the floor crowd and the eried resistance to the selling pressure. York. it about the time of the relaxation of The Judge also hands out a little advice ecision was not announced, and for that matter is not announced yet, but there a latter retreated in disorder.

raded in at prices ranging between guardian of the children. and 118. The closing price was

84, a loss of 1014 points on the day Meanwhile the other active railroad ocks, which had held up fairly well the morning, the inactive stocks, in thich there had been little trading, and he low price of the day

mich less active and much less weak, ferred lost 81/4 points. In the active stocks say the students. ome of the other losses were as foland Hudson, 61/2; Great Northern, 41/2; York Central, 4 7-8; Pennsylvania 1-8: Rock Island preferred. 41/4; Southern acific, 214. Union Pacific, 3 7-8. Of thich gave out its annual report, showing arnings above 40 per cent., not a share

hanged hands Apart from the predicted court debeared to consider the conditions in the ascension on South Field have been given Rame, who was taken in for speeding each other condially. sleet and iron trade responsible for the up because the members have discovered while returning from a trip through Long is simp In the morning the most ressimistic reports were circulated Orders previously filed, it was declared had been cancelled; no new business had been stimulated, and it would be but a short time before open warfare prehad not only in the branches on which where a race for distance travelled will be netions have been made but in steel sailed with the Amherst Aero Club fails as well. None of this talk was sus-

possible of verification. In official quarters of some of the lead the open market of the old days, when

every one's hand was raised against his neighbor's. Several of the most important companies are acting in concert n price reductions, however much they may be keeping the extent of the cuts from other companies, and the agreement on standard steel rails is still in force among the companies which turn out practically all of the rails made in this country.

A reduction has been, however, declared in light rails such as are used very little by the steam railroad companies. common and a sixth Reading. The day but largely by electric traction concerns. thought this reduction would take care of all the opposition possible in the rail battalion adjutant, received 13 votes, tered vote of Chicago is \$80,000. business from those smaller manufacturers who are responsible for present conditions.

large consumer these reductions in ton one vote prices had been made: Plates, \$6; tubes, \$10 to \$12; structural steel, \$6; bars, \$4. It was probable, he added, that other concessions had been made. Chicago could furnish the best information on failed by one. Col. Edward Duffy of the that, for it is at Chicago that most of the regiment, who counted the votes, seemed the head of the ticket was: Republican. business is done. There the banks lend to be greatly upset when the last ballot 58,749; Democratic, 32,210; Socialist, 1,283; on steel contracts as New York banks showed that no choice had been made. Prohibitionist, 229. lend on securities, and an active specu- For a moment he seemed hardly able to llowing the declaration of the so-called There were also reported purchases on the part of consumers preferring to little group of officers surrounding him cinets and at each there sat yesterday e opening here also was yesterday's take on stocks on a declining market to in a voice that trembled:

trade was supplied in an interview with W. C. Brown, president of the New York On the opening of the local exchange Central, who was quoted as saying that ading was by far the keenest in Steel the company was in the market for both cars and structural steel and that he expected the reduction in prices would but he stopped short and walked slowly result in a formal order in the near future. 46. Yesterday initial transactions proximately \$5.000,000 worth of steel

week before the stock sold at 5314. Hecker Studies Earth Tides With Pendulums-Tilt of South Africa.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. BERLIN, Feb. 23. The chief apparatus by the Governor. en 81/2 to 9 points in six trading days, employed by Hecker, the astronomer. le these orders were being executed in studying earth tides consists of two selling pressure overbalanced the highly sensitive pendulums. The advan- Duncan Emmet, there has been an active ength of the buying orders and there tage of working in a well, as was told of campaign carried on for the place, the is a decline, gradual in consideration in yesterday's despatches to THE SUN, is two leading candidates being Mr. Rogers the enormous volume of trading, that the temperature is constant. It is and Adjutant Conley The latter is a sonntil the stock sold at 43% late in the thus possible to make observations with in-law of George Ehret and has served four great exactness.

A new well is being dug, double the are below the price at the opening depth of the present one, with a large last wee, the aggregate market chamber which will be reached by a Rogers 5. After that, it was said, all sorts

The experiments are of great value scientifically, but Hecker does not assert held two weeks ago Conley received 11 nd investment buying was stimulated that they have had any practical value thus far.

KIMBERLEY. Feb. 23.-With reference to Prof. Flammarion's announcement From that time until shortly after of Hecker's determination of the diurnal toon there was waged one of the sharpest | rise and fall of the earth's surface, invesonflicts between the opposing forces that tigations at the observatory here show that South Africa tilts toward the east in little more than an hour there were in summer and to the west in winter. Probably to this is traceable the sea-

KEEPS WEALTH IN PITTSBURG. the 14 and 43 which the bulls and bears Court Refuses to Transfer Hostetter Estate to New York.

TRO Feb 28 -Judge Wi traders in the offices with them. The end Hawkins of the Orphans Court to-day of the struggle came soon after noon when handed down a decision declining to perthe price had been forced down to 43% mit the Central Trust Company of New the fourth or fifth time. Buying York to transfer to that place the wealth riers at that figure were exhausted, and of the late Theo Hostetter of Pittsburg. nepextblock was 4.000 at 43. Thereafter who died here seven years ago and whose there were few indications of any con- wife and children have since lived in New

sistance to the selling movement in to Mrs. Hostetter about the raising of have there were sent around reports of a her children, suggesting that instead of recision in the commodity clause case—a maintaining them in a fine establishment ase of vast importance to all the anthra- they be sent to school where they will roads. It was predicted that the de- be taught something which will be of son would be unfavorable to the roads benefit to them in after life. The Court attention was at once diverted to offers this advice in connection with his eading, which owns more coal mines sanction of a request that out of the estate

port of the two minor children. on came a despatch from Washington brother, D. Herbert Hostetter, was made hat the court had decided against the New | guardian of the two children. The widow ork Central in a rebating case of minor immediately took up her residence in New is having a powerful wireless apparatus aportance. Selling pressure was at York, and the Central Trust Company, established in his apartments at the ce directed to Cer. tral and Reading, with giving bond for \$1,000,000, took charge of Hotel Somerset here. e result that the former withdrew and the finances of the estate. The application made to-day was to transfer the with any aerial craft carrying wireless In the afternoon Reading was as dis- Pittsburg property to within the jurisdic- apparatus that may be flying this side actively a weak feature of the market tion of the courts of New York. The of the Mississis pi River. Steel had been in the morning. It Court refuses and suggests that the uncle. A balloon with a capacity of 40,000 and with a day's record of 228,000 shares D. Herbert Hostetter, continue to act as cubic feet of gas will be able to carry

STUDENTS TO MAKE AEROPLANE Columbia Men to Construct It Under Canvas on South Field.

The Columbia University Aero Club many of the industrials which had not held a meeting in Earl Hall yesterday STEEL STOCK REFUSED AS BAIL. ept pace with Steel common went the afternoon and decided to begin work way of the market leaders. All sold off on the construction of an aeroplane. starply in the afternoon hours, and a The student aeronauts will build the parp attack just before the close found machine in an improvised workshop absorbing power of the market low, on South Field made by stretching an of the United States Steel Corporation, threw out the panel of 150 veniremen bring before the jury an act passed in 1901 the current ran out through the poles, verything on the list closed at or near old sail over the backboard of one of the offered a block of Steel stock as bail for his who had been called and from which a making it a misdemeanor to neglect to which were also of steel, and killed the In Steel common the sales were in excess dell, a graduate student from the Uni- for the Court of Special Sessions on a have been selected. f 370,000 shares and the stock closed at versity of Göttingen, and G. C. Loening, charge of automobile speeding by Magisthe low of the day, 41%, 4% points below who is taking work for a degree in zero- trate Connolly in the Flushing police Saturday's closing The preferred was nautics at Columbia, have drawn plans for court yesterday. the aeroplane. It will not contain any

Amalgamated Copper, 41/2 points; having a length of 25 feet and a breadth Schmidt's appearance. Mr Gary yesout all right the students expect to ex- Mr. Gary then tendered as security four coincidence." elaware. Lackawanna and Western hibit their aeroplaane before the alumni automobiles valued at \$30,000.

> ba-ball gam-The plans of the club to have a balloon that if such a flight were taken from Island Monday evening with Miss Janis New York the balloon would prob- in the car, pleaded guilty and gave ball and Assistant District Attorneys Harry ably be carried out to sea, and none of for his appearance before the Court of A Parkinson and Frank Reid. Mr. them wishes to risk such an experience. Special Sessions. The club expects, however, to purchase a balloon and take it to North Adams, Mass.

EAST COAST points, 2:10 P. M., via Penn, and Atlantic Coast Line R. R., 12:8 B way, Adv.

ing companies it was reiterated that the open market so called is by no means THE 69TH FAILS TO ELECT

GOVERNOR WILL NOW NAME A LIEUTENANT-COLONEL.

Necessary Col. Duffy Very Angry, of selecting candidates.

Regiment, an office which has been vacant H. H. Rogers, Jr., a Lieutanant in the Twenty-second Regiment, 12 votes, and According to the representative of a Major Philip E. Reville of the Sixty-ninth

required a majority to elect, so that Conley speak. Then getting out of his chair the City Clerk there announced last night.

that the cut in prices was stimulating to the regiment. Whoever is responsible none of the other parties voting, so the for this dirty trick I do not know. Such cost of each vote was \$12. a thing has never happened before to any regiment in the State. I didn't care who was elected."

The Colonel seemed about to say more. esterday. The stock closed here on In steel circles it was reported that the last provious trading day. In steel circles it was reported that the refused to add anything to what he had said.

The officers who had taken part in the election dispersed without saving a word. Some of them asked the Colonel later if there couldn't be another ballot, but the Colonel said that it was against the law Under the law if two ballots are ineffectual the appointment must be made

Ever since the vacancy occurred last June by the retirement of Lieut.-Col. years in the Sixty-ninth. The first election was held on December 28, when Conley got 9 votes, Major Reville 7 and Lieut of influences were brought to bear by the different sides to gain votes. At a cancus otes, Rogers 6, Rhinelander Waldo 2 and Major Reville and Lieut. Doyle of Cant. Rhinelander Walda whose service with the Regular army made him eligible, retired. It was confidently believed that a choice would be made last evening Few of the enliste i men were around result to be announced. If Lieut. Rogers | Herbert Knox Smith was on hand he was not visible, but

The Governor can go outside of the Some of Col. Duffy's friends said last night that he felt the failure of the regilaye i in order that a choice could be made. four years ago.

Lieut. Rogers entered the guard as an Twenty-second as a Lieutenant

an any of the other hard coalers. The there be allowed \$6,000 a year for the sup- BALLOONS TO USE WIRELESS. Hostetter died in the fall of 1902. His Statten Being Fitted Up in Boston for Boston-New York Air Line.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.- Charles J. Glidden

The object is to have communication

cate with the station. The balloons of the Aerial Navigation Judge Throws Out Panel of Veniremen Company to be used on the Boston and New York air line are to be fitted with instruments.

Autos for Chauffeur's Appearance.

outdoor handball courts. Ernst Wen- chauffeur, Curt Schmidt, who was held jury to try the Standard Oil case was to care for children was sufficient ground three wheel horses.

The diagrams call for an aeroplane station Mr. Gary put up \$100 in cash for jurisdiction.

Field before the commencement day of speeding and Mr. Stanchfield deposited and the jurors and many spectators and no opportunity to find whether the \$100 cash bail for his appearance

Miss Elsie Janis's chauffeur, Frank

Judge Alford Mayo of Manhattan was in an automobile driven by George McCord absence of Moritz Rosenthal, who took which Bicycle Policeman Harry McAvoy such a prominent part in the previous held up in Broadway-Flushing on Monday trial, was noted. He is said to be busily evening In the hearing yesterday McCord testified that he was not going faster than fourteen miles an hour and was ment's dissolution suit against the Stand-discharged.

Machine Had Its Way in Chicago-Vote Small-Counting the Cost.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.-The efficacy of the new Illinois primary law as a panacea for the difficulties of municipal politics was Second Attempt Falls, Adjutant Conley tested in Chicago to-day. The results Getting 13 Votes, H. H. Hogers, Jr., show no radical improvement or change 12, and Major Reville One-Majority of any character over the old methods

An amazing lack of popular interest It will be for Gov Hughes to appoint in the new experiment is to be seen in a Lieutenant-Colonel of the Sixty-trinth the fact that only 92,000 votes were cast 20,000 fewer than was prophesied by the most pessimistic among the intersince last June. A second attempt was ested politicians. This is a falling off A well informed sales agent said that he made to elect a man to the place last even- of 125,000 votes from the total of the ing, with the result that Louis Conley, State primaries last August. The regis-The nomination of J. H. Marks as the

Republican and Francis D. Connery as the Democratic candidate for City Clerk indicates that party organization was not without power and the Aldermanic Twenty-six officers of the field and line of results in nearly every ward show that the regiment were entitled to vote, and it the men indersed by the party committees had a distinct advantage over the independent, or "anti-slate," aspirants.

The total vote as cast in Chicago for

The primary cost Evanston \$12 a vote, three judges and two clerks of election. "I am very sorry, gentlemen, that it Each receives & for the day's work. The

Wealthy Philadelphian in Club Bout

Many Women Looking On.

however, were numbered but a handful favorably regarded for the post. mixed it up with the gloves to-night in the consideration squared circle at the Athletic Club of

Biddle started the bout with a whirl- portfolio by Judge Taft. wind of blows, but he soon lost his wind contests between professional fighters the conference. and two between amateurs. No blood hall on the third floor was crowded.

the Sixty-ninth 1 each. Three days ago WATCHORN MAY LOSE HIS JOB sult of Investigation Made by

Herbert Knex Smith. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-According to report current here Robert Watchorn,

last evening, but the officers were all Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis present and most of them voted shortly Island, will fail of reappointment as the after the polls opened at 9 o'clock. Then result of the investigation made at Ellis they stood around and waited for the Island by Commissioner of Corporations President Roosevelt sent in the nomi-

room where the ballot box was and showed self early in February, his four year term the only politic expiring on February 10. The President withdrew the nomination a few days later regiment in making his appointment, because of charges filed with him by persons in New York Following the filing of the charges

ment to elect its own Lieutenant-Colonel President Roosevelt put the papers in the keenly. Col Duffy has a record of hands of Commissioner Smith and requestthirty-five years service and the Lieu- ed him to make an investigation. This tenant-Colonel would stand a good chance it is said Mr. Smith has done and carried of being chosen as his successor when he it back to the time that Mr. Watchorn retires. The election was purposely de- assumed charge of Ellis Island about The exact nature of the charges has not

officer in the Twelfth Regiment. He been made public, but some of them, it is became a Captain in that regiment, but said, relate to the manner in which insane resigned subsequently and joined the aliens have been herded together regardless of sex while awaiting deportation. Charges were also preferred against Mr. Watchorn by Harry Balfe, who formerly held the concession at Ellis Island for feeding immigrants.

Neither Secretary Straus nor Mr. Smith could be found to-night, but it is known that the Secretary is a strong backer of Mr. Watchorn and at the time the charges were filed said that they were unimportant and could have been disposed of by him without further investigation. Mr. Watconference with Mr. Straus.

a wireless transmitter and communi- VICTORY FOR OIL TRUST.

and Hints at Queer Coincidence. in the new contest between the Govern-

Mr. Miller entered the motion to quash

motion to the screws. If the plans work as security. This also was declined, and or if it is not design it looks like a strange at common law to constitute a crime.

witnesses had seated themselves the neglect was wilful. lawyers for both sides arrived, greeting District Attorney Sims was there with

his chief assistant, James H. Wilkerson, Miller, Alfred D. Eddy and Chauncey Martin were there for the defence. The trial, was noted. He is said to be busily engaged in the defence of the Govern-

DIRECT PRIMARIES A FIZZLE. HERRICK'SNAMECROSSEDOFF 20 PER CENT. LESS MARRIAGES MANY LIVES LOST IN STORM

TAFT TO DECIDE WHO IS TO FILL TREASURY PORTFOLIO.

MacVeagh-and Judge Van Devanter Still Under Consideration, Also Two New Western Names-Frank Hitchcock is Coming From Washington To-day.

Ex-Gov. Myron T. Herrick of Ohio was eliminated yesterday from the "possibilities" for Secretary of the Treasury 19.48. There were 120,722 births in the in the Taft Cabinet. Mr. Herrick saw the city, an increase of 4,140, and 51,097 mar- indicate thousands of dollars damage President-elect at the Henry W. Taft riages, a decrease of 13,596, or more than and considerable loss of life. At Gregory, house in West Forty-eighth street yesterday afternoon and later Mr. Taft issued 7,255. this statement:

"At the instance of the President-elect Gov. Herrick called on Mr. Taft to-day. Mr. Taft authorized the statement that the mention of Mr. Herrick for the portfolio of the Treasury as if he had been a candidate did him great injustice, because Mr. Herrick wrote Mr. Taft as early as Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore, professor December last to say that his business of gynecology at Johns Hopkins. Memengagements were such as to prevent his bers of her family hope that she will be At Fens, Ark., Tishie Epps met death. acceptance of a place in the Cabinet."

This statement lets Mr. Herrick out of the Cabinet situation as easily as possible. If Mr. Herrick personally hasn't been a candidate his friends have been most active Several of them, including or- compelled to stop work and go to a hos-Another and more significant indication has turned out this way. It is a disgrace Socialists cast but twenty-five votes, ganized labor leaders, called on Mr. Taft pital. Her trouble had been attributed to in Augusta to urge the ex-Governor's name for the Treasury portfolio, and more recently Congressman Theodore E. BIDDLE BOXES WITH O'BRIEN. Burton and Arthur I. Vorys, both of Ohio, have put in a good word for Herrick.

The elimination of Herrick leaves Franklin MacVeagh of Chicago and Judge PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.- Before a large Willis Van Devanter of Wyoming as the assemblage of women, among whom, two candidates who have been most of members of society, Anthony J. Drexel understood, however, that Mr. Taft has Biddle and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien another candidate from the West under

The very latest name heard as a possi Philadelphia. They exchanged a series ble Secretary of the Treasury is Edwin A of warm and variegated jabs for five Potter, president of the American Trust thirty second rounds. O'Brien emerged and Savings Safe Deposit Company of with a cut lip and Biddle with a very red Chicago. It is said that Mr. Potter is being very seriously considered for the

The post will probably be definitely and was no match for the clever foot- filled at a conference to-day between Mr. work of the more experienced pugilist. Taft and Frank H. Hitchcock. Mr. Hitch-The bout was preceded by four fistic cock will come over from Washington for

Mr. Taft arrived here at noon over the was drawn, as the boxers had been in- Pennsylvania Railroad. A small crowd structed not to make their exhibition greeted him at the Jersey City station. too realistic. The exhibition was given It was Mr. Taft's wish that the usual squad for the express entertainment of the wives of mounted policemen be omitted. Conand sisters of the club's members, and the sequently he made the trip in an automobile to his brother's home from the Twenty-third street ferry without a ripple of excitement. A police lieutenant dressed in citizen's clothes had a seat alongside the driver, and all the traffic cops had apparently been told to be on the lookout for him. At any rate the Taft machine ran along with about half the fuss and disturbance that usually attend the progress of the President's carriage up Fifth avenue.

Mr. Taft remained at his brother's home all the afternoon working on some magazine articles he promised to write Adjt. Conley kept near the door of the nation of Mr. Watchorn to succeed him-room where the ballot box was and showed self early in February, his four year term. rick. St. John Gaffney and one or two interested in the Booker T. Washington arisen. meeting, where Mr. Taft spoke later. Mr. obliged to slight.

Mr. Taft will be one of the speakers and Nabuco of Brazil and Gov. Hughes.

X-SCIENCE LAW IN JERSEY.

viction on Manslaughter Charge.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 23.-The Supreme chorn was here Saturday and held a long manslaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. eighth street, were killed by electricity a dying condition.

The conviction was the first of its kind Richmond Gas Company on Chestnut in this State, one of the novel questions avenue. Clifton. CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The first victory raised being how far the religious belief of Christian Scientists would excuse them Perry, tried to swing the truck out of ment and the Standard Oil Company of for wilfully neglecting to care for the the way to allow a trolley car to pass on Indiana went to the defendant this after- physical needs of their children. The its way to South Beach and the spile Then Mr. Gary Put t p 830,000 Worth of noon, when United States District Judge Supreme Court, however, found it undriver was brought into contact with the A. B. Anderson sustained the challenge necessary to decide this point, holding trolley feed wire. The wire broke and Elbert H Gary, chairman of the board made by Attorney John S. Miller and that the failure of the prosecution to fell on the steel body of the truck and

for setting aside the conviction. the jury venire on the ground that it had that the trial Judge failed to instruct shocked in the same way, but were not snowbound as the result of the snowbeen improperly drawn Sixty per cent. the jury to consider whether the child injured Mr. Gary's automobile was he'd up on of the veniremen are farmers, only three had been wilfully neglected. Justice improvements over the machines that Hillside avenue, Hollis, on Sunday eve- are residents of Chicago and only sixteen Swayze, who wrote the opinion, says By contrast Republic Iron and Steel pre- have meen produced by, professionals." ning by Bicycle Policeman Ennis, and when live in Cook county, which contains two- that however strong the evidence may Called From Reception to Door and Filled now lies on the level and in the mountains the outfit arrived at the Flushing police thirds of the population in the court's have been on this point the defendants were entitled to the verdict of a jury Judge Anderson said: "It seems to me thereon. He says the charge of the trial malgamated copper, 4% points; in the car is designed to carry terday asked Magistrate Connolly to conand Ohio, 44; St. Paul, 3 3-8; Delaware one passenger, who will also provide the tinue the cash bail When this was remotive power by means of a bicycle fused Mr Gary asked the Magistrate in Chicago and only three names of Chipedal arrangement which will transmit if he could accept a block of Steel stock cagoans are drawn it looks like design, culpable negligence which is required unknown man called the bridegroom to

> When Judge Grosscup's court room, definition of the common law offence, attempted flight, will be made on South Biegler, was also arraigned on the charge for the Standard Oil trial, was opened under the statute because the jury had day to Miss Elizabeth Scruggs, who had field before the commencement day of speeding and Mr. Stanchfield deposited

The charge was therefore faulty as a

District Attorney Jerome said yesterday that the monthly reports of the police concerning gambling houses were all in and that according to the reports there is not a single gambling house open in New York. He said that he believed that the reports showed the real state of things and that it was the first time in

novelty possessing great merit, the new it" eyeglase, at Spencer's, 31 Maiden Lane.

In This City in 1908-Fewer Deaths Also -Population Put at 4,222,685.

ports that the population of the city according to the department's estimate increased in 1908 by 137,250 to 4,222,685. Destruction of Property and Loss of Life while deaths decreased by 6,133 as compared with 1907. The death rate decreased from 18.48 in 1907 to 16.52 in 1908. Queens was the healthiest borough, with a rate of 15.39; Brooklyn's rate was 16.03, Manhattan's 16.45, while the Bronx rate was 19.35 and the Richmond rate 20 per cent. In marriages Manhattan shows a loss of 9,885 and Brooklyn of

MAUDE BOOTH IN HOSPITAL

To Undergo To-day a Surgical Operation From Which Relief Is Hoped For. Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth, wife of the commander of the Volunteers of America, is to undergo a surgical operstion to-day. It will be performed by Dr. able to resume active work in the early

Mrs. Booth has not been in good health for some years. Several times when she has been visiting the organization in fatal. various parts of the country she has been an affection of the heart

CZAR NO LONGER SCARED. Drives Through St. Petersburg Unguarded to Visit Czar of Bulgaria.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN lutionary terror drove him. He drove through the centre of the city this afternoon in an open sleigh, almost

THE HEN TO THE RESCUE. Price of Eggs Takes a Tumble and Is Going to Tumble More.

Bulgaria at the Winter Palace.

Arrivals of fresh eggs yesterday were 6,651 cases of thirty dozen each. The wholesale price dropped to 251/2 cents a dozen, whereas a few days ago it was 34c. Eggs are now being rushed forward from all quarters about as fast as laid. Dealers say that refrigerator stock was exhausted some time ago and that it is next to impossible to find anything on the market but the finest fresh eggs. Much larger supplies and a continued drop in prices are generally anticipated

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 .- The press committee of the Chicago Butter and Egg Board sent to the newspapers this afternoon the following:

"The press committee of the Chicago Butter and Egg Board wishes to announce to the public that the price of new laid fresh eggs has declined seven cents a dozen in a week, so that the consumer should buy the best eggs from his dealer

FRICTION IN MANCHURIA. Chinese Merchants' Grievance-Russia in the levee. Fisher is entirely cut off. Warned by U. S. and England.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PEKIN, Feb. 23.-The negotiations with others called to pay their respects. In constitute, according to the Chinese is under water from six to twelve inches the evening Mr. Taft dined at the home of contention, a breach of the Treaty of deep William Jay Schieffelin, head of the Portsmouth, do not make the least head-

Taft will remain in this city until next houses along the Manchurian Railway Van Buren are that the storm there was Saturday, when he will leave for Washing- have gone to the west of Harbin. They very heavy and severe, the extremely ton and the inauguration. He will spend refuse to pay taxes demanded by the heavy rainfall being accompanied by most of his time here catching up administrators of the railway, who there- hail. Rainfall was very heavy last with personal matters that he has been fore closed the stores and warehouses might all over the State.

at all the principal points. Mr. Rockhill, the American Minister.

tions ought to be complied with. HORSES KILLED BY CURRENT. Supreme Court Sets Aside Parents' Con- Strange Mishap to an Eighteen Horse

Team in Staten Island. Three horses belonging to Charles S. Court set aside to-day the conviction for Chase, a contractor of 612 West Forty-Watson, Christian Scientists of Moores- in Bay street, Clifton, Richmond borough. town, whose seven-year-old son died as last night. They were of an eighteen the alleged result of their failure to horse team drawing a big steel truck on summon medical aid until the boy was in which a spile driver was being taken from Clifton Landing to the plant of the

At Vanderbilt avenue the driver, Hugh

Perry was shocked through the The decision hinges upon the fact reins and the fifteen other horses were

BRIDEGROOM MURDERED. With Buckshot.

ding reception at the home of Mrs. Jennie traversed by railroad lines the snow is FLEMINGSBURG, Ky., Feb. 23 - A wed-Throckmorton in honor of her son Will- packed in from thirty to fifty feet. iam and his bride of four days was the door and emptied the contents of a shotgun into his breast. Suspicion points to a rival of young Throckmorton for the hand of the girl.

to Her Complaint. to-day and slashed J. J. Jones, whom she accused of betraying her, inflicting months to burn the place. wounds near the heart that may cause

death.

This act followed the action of the Judge, who sustained a demurrer filed by Jones, who had been indicted on a charge of seducing the girl.

The young woman was arrested

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Health Commissioner Darlington re- TOWNS IN FIVE STATES SWEPT BY TORNADOES.

> Reported From Several Places in Arkansas, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois and Mississippi-Railroads Under Water.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 23.-Storm reports from eastern and central Arkansas and west Tennessee and west Mississippi to-day Woodruff county, Ark., Bob Pruett and his wife were killed. Many others were injured.

Donnie Zat and wife were crushed to death by timbers from their home near Augusta, Ark., and Mack Lucas and wife were fatally injured. The houses occupied by Lee Gests and several others were struck by lightning.

An unknown negro was killed and five houses were demolished at Revell, Ark. Andrew Pruitt's leg was brokem and his wife received internal injuries. Henry Jones received injuries believed to be

Many negroes are missing in Woodruff county, Arkansas, and more than fifty houses are believed to have been destroyed Near Marked Tree, Ark., six are reported dead, the identified being J. S. Bass, Wade Freeze and Mrs. Laura Stone.

The storm continued in a northeasterly direction from central Arkansas and struck ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 23.—The Czar is Memphis and vicinity just before noon relaxing the seclusion into which the revo- | Small houses in the suburbs were toppled over, but no deaths were reported.

Mrs. T. E. Baldwin and a small child at Aulon, Tenn., were rescued by neighunattended, to visit Czar Ferdinand of bors after being pinned beneath timbers from their home, which was completely demolished Railroad traffic is almost paralyzed

in eastern Arkansas by washouts. A freight train was wrecked near Russell, Ark., and trains on the Iron Mountain Railway are being detoured from Noxie to Jonesboro over the Frisco system, proceeding south on the Cotton Belt. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 23.-A severe storm swept over northeast and central Arkansas early this morning, doing much

damage to property. The heaviest dam-

age yet reported is the almost destruction of the town of Fisher, in the southwest corner of Poinsett county, in the cotton belt Six persons were killed at Fisher and six at Marked Tree, Ark Arthur Riggs arrived to-night from Fisher and reported that only ore building was left standing in the town, that of the J. C. Davis Mercantile Company, and that six persons were killed in the town and others injured. Riggs saw the

bodies of Frank Fee and his wife lying

in the mud of the street at Fisher, where

they had been overtaken by death. There are rumors of other deaths in isolated sections of Craigherd county A relief train sent out to-day was force back to Jonesboro on account of a break

The railroad track between Jonesboro and Lake City is under water for miles. There was a serious washout at Bald Russia regarding the latter's acts, which Knob. At Newport half of the town

There was a cloudburst at Marche, Citizens' Union. Mr. Schieffelin also was way. A new cause of friction has now in the north central part of Pulaski county, flooding the whole country and running The owners of Chinese stores and ware- over the railroad track. Reports from

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 23.-A tornado whose path was about 500 feet wide at the dinner of the Peace Society in honor and Sir John Jordan, the British Minister, passed over the county four miles north of Elihu Root on Friday evening. Joseph lately communicated with the Russian of this city at 4 o'clock this morning. Cheate will preside, and the other Legation to the effect that while they wrecking houses and killing much live speakers will be Ambassadors Bryce did not wish to meddle in Russo-Chinese stock. The residences of Robert Moffit of Great Britain, Takahira of Japan concerns they were compelled to re- and Cicero Hornby were destroyed, but iterate their view that treaty obliga- by a lucky chance no member of either family was seriously hurt, though blown out of bed and carried by the force of the wind several hundred feet. The barns on the two farms were reduced to splinters and the stock in them was

> killed. MARION, Ill., Feb. 23.-A tornado swept this section about midnight Monday night. One person was killed and many were injured and much property was destroyed. The force of the tornado passed just north of this city. At Cream Springs, a summer resort of about 500 persons, many dwellings and other buildngs were destroyed.

> North of Cream Springs five and a half miles the large country home of James Reed was destroyed and one child, a 3-year-old girl, was instantly killed by falling timbers. Every other member of the family was injured and three will die. The \$5,000 trotting horse belonging to John Dupont of this city was killed in the wreck of his stables in Cream Springs. West of here thirty bolts of lightning struck trees

DENVER, Feb. 23.-All of Colorado is storm and blizzard which has continued for more than forty-eight hours. From twenty-five to forty-eight inches of snow precipitation was anywhere from two feet to ten feet. In many of the canons

FIFTH ATTEMPT AT ARSON. Policeman Finds a Fire in a Keresen Soaked Barber Shop.

Policeman Wallis of the West Sixtyeighth street station discovered a fire at 10:30 o'clock last night in the barber shop of Rafaele Colucci, on the ground floor of GIRL STABS MAN IN COURT, the five story tenement at 305 West Sixtyninth street, and turned in an alarm. A Not a Gambling House Open, Police Say. Judge Had Just Sustained His Demurrer bottle of kerosene was found just inside a door leading into the barber shop from SALEM, Ark., Feb. 23 .- Miss Lizzie Kisse the hallway and oil had been poured daughter of a planter, sprang from among about the floor of the shop. The fire was relatives who had assembled in court here put out with little damage.

This is the fifth attempt within a fee

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